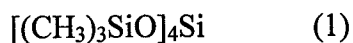


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A cosmetic, ~~wherein the cosmetic~~ comprising tetraquistrimethylsiloxysilane represented by the formula (1)



and methyltrimethicone represented by the formula (2)



in a ratio of tetraquistrimethylsiloxysilane to methyltrimethicone of from 5:95 to 90:10 in mass-%

2. (cancelled).

3. (currently amended) The cosmetic according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the cosmetic further comprises a solvent which is volatile at 25°C and 1 atm.

4. (original) The cosmetic according to claim 3, wherein the volatile solvent is at least one selected from the group consisting of linear dimethylpolysiloxane having 4 or 5 silicon atoms, cyclic dimethylpolysiloxane having 4 to 6 silicon atoms, monohydric alcohols having 1 to 3 carbon atoms, and hydrocarbons having 10 to 16 carbon atoms.

5. (original) The cosmetic according to claim 4, wherein the volatile solvent is at least one selected from the group consisting of octamethyltrisiloxane, decamethyltetrasiloxane, octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane, decamethylcyclopentasiloxane, dodecamethylcyclohexasiloxane, ethanol, isopropanol, propanol, isododecane, isodecane, isohexadecane, and isoparaffin.

6. – 11. (cancelled).

12. (currently amended) ~~The cosmetic according to claim 11, wherein the cosmetic further comprises polybutene and the cosmetic is an~~ An oil-based cosmetic comprising 0.1 to 60 mass-% of tetraquistrimethylsiloxysilane represented by the formula (1)
$$[(CH_3)_3SiO]_4Si \quad (1),$$
0.1 to 50 mass-% of a pigment, and
2 to 40 mass-% of polybutene.

13. (currently amended) ~~The cosmetic according to claim 11, wherein the cosmetic further comprises water and at least one surfactant selected from the group consisting of sorbitan fatty acid esters, polyglycerin fatty acid esters, sucrose fatty acid esters, and polysaccharide alkyl ethers and the cosmetic is a~~ A solid makeup cosmetic comprising
(A) 10 to 30 mass-% of tetraquistrimethylsiloxysilane represented by the formula (1)
$$[(CH_3)_3SiO]_4Si \quad (1),$$
(B) 5 to 10 mass-% of at last one polyol compound selected from the group consisting of polyhydric alcohols and saccharides,
(C) 1.5 to 3.5 mass-% of a surfactant selected from the group consisting of sorbitan fatty acid esters, polyglycerin fatty acid esters, sucrose fatty acid esters, and polysaccharide alkyl ethers,
(D) 3 to 7 mass-% of an oil agent which is solid or pasty at 25°C,
(E) 30 to 45 mass-% of a pigment, and
5 to 25 mass-% of purified water.

14. (cancelled).

15. (previously presented) The cosmetic according to claim 1, wherein the cosmetic further comprises a silicone resin, a silicone-modified organic thickener, a fluorine-modified silicone resin or a mixture of two or more of them.

16. (previously presented) The cosmetic according to claim 1, wherein the cosmetic further comprises a UV-ray protective component.

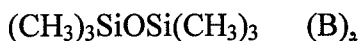
17. (currently amended) A method of preparing a cosmetic, wherein the cosmetic comprising the steps of:

(I) preparing tetraquistrimethylsiloxysilane prepared by subjecting by a method comprising the steps of

(1) mixing tetraalkoxysilane represented by the following formula (A) and hexamethyldisiloxane represented by the following formula (B),



wherein R is a monovalent hydrocarbon group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, 2 to 10 moles, per mole of the tetraalkoxysilane, of hexamethyldisiloxane represented by the following formula (B)



~~to a reaction according to a method comprising the steps of~~

~~(1) mixing 2 to 10 moles of hexamethyldisiloxane and 0.01 to 0.5 mole of an acid catalyst, per mole of tetraalkoxysilane, and adjusting a temperature to a temperature ranging from 0°C to below 30°C,~~

~~(2) adding 1 mole of tetraalkoxysilane, per mole of the tetraalkoxysilane used in step (1), to the system obtained in the step (1),~~

~~(3) adding 2.5 to 10.0 moles of water, per mole of the tetraalkoxysilane used in step (1), to the system obtained in the step (2) while keeping a temperature of from 0°C to below 30°C and subjecting to a reaction for 30 minutes to 5 hours, and~~

~~(4) subjecting to a reaction for 30 minutes to 5 hours at a temperature of from 30°C to 100°C; and~~

(II) incorporating tetraquistrimethylsiloxysilane obtained in step (I) in a cosmetic.

18. (currently amended) The method ~~cosmetic~~ according to claim 17, wherein the tetraalkoxysilane is at least one selected from the group consisting of tetramethoxysilane, tetraethoxysilane, and tetrapropoxysilane.

19. (currently amended) The method ~~cosmetic~~ according claim 17 ~~or 18~~, wherein a lower monohydric alcohol having 1 to 6 carbon atoms is also mixed in an amount of from 0.5 to 10 moles per mole of the tetraalkoxysilane in the step (1).

20. (currently amended) The method ~~cosmetic~~ according to claim 19, wherein the lower monohydric alcohol is at least one selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, and isopropanol.

21. (currently amended) The method ~~cosmetic~~ according to claim 17, wherein the acid catalyst is at least one selected from the group consisting of sulfuric acid, methane sulfonic acid and trifluoromethane sulfonic acid.

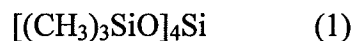
22. (currently amended) The method ~~cosmetic~~ according to claim 17 ~~[[1]]~~, wherein an amount of 1,1,1,5,5,5-hexamethyl-3-trimethylsiloxy-3-hydroxytrisiloxane represented by the following formula (3)



is at most 1 mass% based on a total mass of the cosmetic.

23. (new) The cosmetic according to claim 1, wherein the cosmetic comprises tetraquatermethylsiloxysilane and methyltrimethicone in a total amount of from 0.5 to 60 mass-%, based on a total mass of the cosmetic.

24. (new) A method of reducing or eliminating straining feel caused by application of a cosmetic to the skin, comprising the step of applying to the skin a cosmetic comprising tetraquatermethylsiloxysilane represented by the formula (1)



and methyltrimethicone represented by the formula (2)



in a mass ratio of tetraquistrimethylsiloxysilane to methyltrimethicone of from 5:95 to 90:10 in mass-%, and in a total amount of from 0.5 to 60 mass-%, based on a total mass of the cosmetic.

25. (new) The oil-based cosmetic according to claim 12, wherein the polybutene has an average molecular weight of from 500 to 2700.

26. (new) The oil-based cosmetic according to claim 12, wherein the cosmetic further comprises a silicone resin, a silicone-modified organic thickener, a fluorine-modified silicone resin, or a mixture of two or more of them.

27. (new) The solid makeup cosmetic according to claim 13, wherein the cosmetic further comprises a silicone resin, a silicone-modified organic thickener, a fluorine-modified silicone resin, or a mixture of two or more of them.

28. (new) The oil-based cosmetic according to claim 12, wherein the cosmetic further comprises a UV-ray protective component.

29. (new) The solid makeup cosmetic according to claim 13, wherein the cosmetic further comprises a UV-ray protective component.